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REPORT OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

to the Borough of Tiverton.

For the year ended 31st. December, 1962.

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7 St. Peter Street,
Tiverton,
Devon.

May, 1963.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year ending 31st. December, 1962.

Area. Although the Borough covers an area of 17,680 acres, the Town itself covers 300 acres only.

Population. Estimated 12,770.

Inhabited Houses. Number in 1962 was 4376.

Rateable Value is £193,890.

Estimated Penny Rate Product 1962 - 1963. £770.

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

		Total	Males	Females	
Live Births	(Legitimate	235	121	114	Birth Rate: 19.2 per 1000
	(Illegitimate	11	3	8	
Illegitimate live births were 4.6% of total births.					
Still Births	(Legitimate	5	2	3	Total 5
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Rate per 1000: 20.3
Corrected Birth Rate.		19.0 per 1000			
Deaths...		163	83	80	Death Rate: 12.7 per 1000.
Corrected Death Rate.					10.6 per 1000.

(No fewer than 74 of the deaths were due to circulatory disease).

Deaths from Pregnancy and Childbirth, 1; Puerperal Sepsis, 0;

Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1000 total births - 16.2

Deaths of Infants (under four weeks) Total 2 only.

Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age - 4

" " " " " 1 week " " - 2

Illegitimate infants under 1 year " " - 0

Illegitimate infants " 4 weeks " " - Nil

Deaths from Measles... ... ... - Nil

" " Whooping Cough.. ... ... - Nil

" " Diarrhoea. ... ... - Nil

Deaths from Cancer, 22. (This is a rate of 1.7 per 1000 of the population.)

Leukaemia	-	Male 1	Female	-
Uterus	-	" -	"	-
Breast	-	" -	"	4
Bronchus	-	" 2	"	1
Stomach	-	" 1	"	2
Other) Sites)	-	" 5	"	6
		9		13

A drop of 5 from the previous year.

CANCER DEATHS 1952 - 1962 (inclusive)

Adrenal	-	Br/fd	111
Antrum	1	Ovary	5
Bile Duct..	-	Pancreas..	14
Bladder	7	Peritonei.	5
Bowels	22	Pharynx...	2
Brain	-	Prostate..	11
Breast	23	Rectum	7
Bronchus...	31	Stomach...	49
Face	1	Testis	1
Gall Bladder	5	Throat	2
Kidney	2	Thyroid Gland... ...	1
Larnyx	1	Tongue	-
Leg	1	Tonsil	1
Liver	1	Uterus	14
Leukaemia..	4	Vulva	-
Melanoma...	1	Vagina	-
Maxilla	1	Urethra...	-
Mouth	-	Lymphonatosis... ...	4
Oesophagus.	10	Unidentified	15
Cr/fd	111	Total	242

Cancer Notifications.
I have addressed two medical societies on this subject recently and am now receiving considerable support and am confident that eventually my suggestions will be adopted in whole or in part.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. Nursing in the Home. No change.

2. Domiciliary Midwifery. We have two district midwives. We are fortunate in having an M.R.C.O.G. resident in the town who can be called up in difficult cases.

3. Laboratory Facilities. The County Laboratory connected with the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital. The County Laboratory has now removed to the University premises.

4. Health Education. Smoking. Several talks have been given and a film strip has been shown illustrating the evils of cigarette smoking. We can claim definite progress among the more intelligent public and particularly among the workers at the local factory.

5. Chiropody Services. Service operates for the old people and is run by their association and which is fairly satisfactory. The Devon County Council and the local factory both supply chiropody services.

6. Hospital Services.
On the whole these have proved adequate throughout the year. However, as is usual with general practitioner beds, there is a seasonal shortage of accommodation at the District Hospital.

Maternity.
An experiment in booking cases for discharge in 48 hours is being tried and is working satisfactorily. This scheme if satisfactory, will have the effect of greatly relieving pressure on beds and has many other advantages. It is particularly suited to Tiverton where the patient usually continues with the same doctor after discharge from hospital.

Belmont Hospital.
This is chronically full and vacancies are apt to occur only through deaths. Better use could be made of the accommodation if the scheme for modernization where to be carried out.
The Lift. After 14 years of state management this hospital is still without a lift (an amenity possessed by many one star hotels).
Patients are manhandled up 3 flights of stairs which are too narrow and winding to take a stretcher.
Once they are on the top floor they usually stay there until death.
All structural obstacles to the erection of a lift have been removed and it could be readily installed at a cost of £6000.

Whipton Isolation Hospital. Infectious cases are sent to this hospital where accommodation is always adequate.
An ante-natal Clinic is held every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. at the Tiverton and District Hospital.

A Tuberculosis Clinic is held at the Tiverton and District Hospital twice monthly.

7. Liaison arrangements. Our local hospitals are largely staffed by general practitioners which constitutes an advantage as regards liaison.

8. Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers. None in the Area.

9. Ambulance Facilities. No change.

10. Social Worker in Mental Health and Mental Welfare Officer:-
Mr. P. D. Charles, The Clinic, St. Andrew Street, Tiverton.

11. Clinics and Treatment Centres:-

Minor Ailments Clinic. Wednesdays 9 - 12 a.m.
Dr. Tait and Mrs. Sparks, The Health Visitor, in attendance.

Remedial Exercise Clinic. Wednesdays 11 - 12 a.m.
Mrs. Sparks, the Health Visitor, in attendance.

Ophthalmic Clinic. 2nd. Tuesdays in alternate months commencing January etc. Dr. Chaturvedi in attendance. By appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinics. Wednesdays 9 - 12 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.
Miss Chapman, Speech Therapist, in attendance.

School Dental Service. Emergency treatment.
Wednesdays 9 - 12.30 a.m.
Orthodontic treatment Mr. Peacock by appointment.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. This Centre is open weekly on Wednesdays, 2.0 to 4.30 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinic. Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Run by District Midwives and Health Visitors.
Talks on elementary dietetics, care of baby etc.

The attendances for 1962 at Child Welfare Centre were as follows:-

Total infants attending for first time	131
Total children, 1 to 5 years, attending for first time..	16
Number on Register at end of year - Infants	150
" " " " " " " - 1 to 5 years.. ...	117
Number of attendances during 1962 - Infants	1120
" " " " " " " - 1 to 5 years.. ...	261

The Mothers and Children have had supervision and advice both at the Welfare weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitor, and in their houses by the Health Visitor. Simple treatment has been given where considered sufficient, in other cases the mothers were referred to their private doctor for treatment.

Home Help Service. Cases are dealt with direct through Mrs. Grant in conjunction with the W.V.S. Some Maternity cases in the area are dealt with direct by the District Nurses.

The Orthopaedic Clinic was held on 52 Tuesdays during the year - Appointments are made by the Secretary, Mrs. D. A. Birch, and this works very well.

Number on Register 1/1/62	249
" " " 31/12/62..	221
Sessions held by Surgeons 48: After care Sister 27... ...	75
New Cases...	398
Discharges..	291
Admitted to Hospital	73
Average weekly attendances...	24
No. of attendances	1117
Admissions: Adults	338
School Age..	45
Under School Age and Infants..	15
	398

Some of the elder patients have been trained at St. Loyes's College for the Disabled, in connection with the Clinic, the aim being the complete rehabilitation of the patients.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Scabies. None reported during the year.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunization. Vaccination procedure administered by County Council and a Clinic is held for this purpose on each Wednesday. The majority of cases are dealt with by local doctors at their surgeries. The percentage of children immunised continues to be highly satisfactory.

Poliomyelitis. No case of this disease has occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis. New Cases and Mortality in 1962.

Public Health. (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925).
No action taken.

see table overleaf.

Tuberculosis.

Age Period.	NEW CASES Pulmonary M	Pulmonary F	Non-Pulmonary M	Non-Pulmonary F	Meninges M	Meninges F	DEATHS Pulmonary M	Pulmonary F	Non-Pulmonary M	Non-Pulmonary F	Meninges M	Meninges F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age NK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

One new case and one death - the lowest on record.

Notifiable Diseases. Age Incidence.

Age Period.	Scarlet Fever	Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 to 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 9	3	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 14	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 24	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 40	-	-	-	-	-	-
40 to 65	-	-	-	2	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	1	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	-	-	3	-	-

Age Period.	Measles	Whooping Cough	Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic/Non	Acute Encephalitis Infective/Post Infective
Under 1 year	1	-	-	-
1	2	-	-	-
2	1	-	-	-
3	8	-	-	-
4	7	-	-	-
5 to 9	22	-	-	-
10 to 14	3	-	-	-
15 to 24	2	-	-	-
25 and over	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-
Totals	46	-	-	-

General Observations

Sewage Disposal and Refuse Tip.
A very costly and necessary scheme for sewage disposal has been prepared and has been forwarded to the Ministry.

I feel action should be taken to solve the apalling eyesore caused by the Refuse Tip, which is at present disfiguring a well known beauty spot. Such action would rebound to the credit of our Council.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health

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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

to the Borough of Tiverton

1st. January to 31st. December, 1962.

Public Health Department,
7 St. Peter Street,
Tiverton.

May, 1963.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
of the Tiverton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my seventeenth Annual Report dealing with the duties of my department during the year 1962.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

(a) The Town's water supply is controlled by the North Devon Water Board and has been satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Allers public main supply water is obtained from the springs rising at Norwood Common and supplemented by pumping at Bolham from the River Exe and the water is both filtered and chlorinated.
Routine monthly sample checks have shown the water at all times to be consistently satisfactory in quality.
In the case of the Warnicombe supply, the water is obtained from an adit driven into the North East slope of Newte's Hill. This water is chlorinated but not filtered and varies in quality.
Chlorination has not been completely successful and out of a total of 18 samples in the year, 3 were not entirely satisfactory.
On January 11th. a bacteriological examination yielded a count of 35 Coliform Bacilli per 100 ml. and 11 Bact. Coli (type I)
The Engineer of the North Devon Water Board was immediately notified and a repeat sample taken on the 20th. January, showed the water equivalent to a Class I supply.
Again on 13th. November, a count of 5 Coliform Bacilli per 100 ml. was revealed and the Water Board Engineer notified and a repeat sample taken on the 16th. November, gave a count of 0.

In the cases of the Bampton/Cove and the Butterleigh/Bickleigh supplies the waters are chlorinated only and examination of samples showed the quality as consistently satisfactory.

(c) Population of the Tiverton Borough has risen to 12,770 and occupying 4376 dwelling houses.
3781 dwelling houses supplied from public mains direct to the houses, house approximately 11,343 persons.
130 dwelling houses supplied from public mains by means of stand-pipes, house approximately 390 persons.

(d) The Council owns and runs a public swimming bath. The bath is an open bath and is in use only during the Summer. The water is obtained from the public main supply and a filtration and chlorination plant keeps the water in a highly satisfactory condition.

Water Supply. (cont'd)

RESULTS OF SAMPLING

Source of Supply.	No. of Samples.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Public Mains.			
Allers.	14	14	-
Warnicombe.	18	15	3
Butterleigh/Bickleigh.	10	10	-
Bampton/Cove.	5	5	-
Farms and Other Premises.	15	14	1
Swimming Bath.	1	1	-
Other Premises. Two chemical samples taken.			

FOOD

MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS.

Meat.
579 Visits of Inspection were made to the Horsdon Abattoir for the purpose of meat inspection.

1. Ante and post-mortem inspections were made in the case of ALL animals slaughtered at the abattoir.

2. The Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection Grant) Regulations, 1958. Exchequer Grant towards cost of Meat Inspection.

   1st. April 1962 to 31st. March 1963. (Note:- Financial year does not coincide with Calendar Year)

   Inspection Units = 33642

   Tiverton Datum Figure = 19155
   (12770)

   Excess = 14487 Units

   Exchequer grant towards cost of meat inspection service should therefore amount to £60 - 7 - 3

Details of animals slaughtered and amounts of meat and offal condemned as diseased or unfit:-

BOVINES		
No. of Carcases	Disease	Weight
1	Bruising.	206
Parts of Carcases		
1	Peritonitis.	61
3	Bruising.	107
1	Oedema.	29
5		197
Offal.	Various.	9490

No of Carcases	BEEF - Tuberculosis	Weight.
1	Generalised T.B.	490
Parts of Carcases		
1	T.B.	24
Offal.	T.B.	190
	BEEF - Cysticercosis	
Offal.	Cysticercus Bovis.	34

Total Weight of BEEF Condemned. 8 cwts. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.
" " " OFFAL " 4 tons. 6 cwts. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.

SHEEP

No. of Carcases	Diseases	Weight.
1	Pregnancy Toxaemia.	100
Parts of Carcases		
1	Inflammation.	5
1	Arthritis.	4
1	Injury and Fracture.	4
3		13
Offal.	Various.	35

Total Weight of MUTTON Condemned. 1 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.
" " " OFFAL " 1 qr. 7 lbs.

PIGS

No. of Carcases	Diseases	Weight.
-	Nil.	-
Parts of Carcases		
2	Injuries.	15
Offal.	Various.	25

No. of Carcases	PORK - Tuberculosis	Weight
-	Nil.	-
Parts of Carcases		
18	T.B.	219
Offal	Nil.	-

Total Weight of PORK Condemned. 2 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.
" " " OFFAL " 25 lbs.

CALVES		
No. of Carcases Parts or Offal.	Diseases	Weight
	Nil.	-
	Tuberculosis	
"	Nil.	-

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	2687	142	14	805	626
Number Inspected...	"	"	"	"	"
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT T.B. :-					
Whole carcases condemned.	1	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	720	110	-	17	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than T.B.	26.83%	77.46%	-	2.23%	1.44%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:-					
Whole carcases condemned.	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	-	-	-	17
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	0.11%	-	-	-	2.71%
CYSTICERCOSIS:-					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned ...	Nil	-	-	-	-

Condemned Meat is collected for fertilizer manufacture.
Condemned Food is used for pig food when practicable, otherwise destroyed on Council's refuse tip.

35 Visits made to shops for purpose of inspection and condemnation of unsound food.

The following is a list of food condemned:-

	Description	Weight lbs.		Description	Weight lbs.
				Br/fd.	684¾
	Meat	39	Tinned	Vegetables	51
Tinned	Meat	374¾	"	Fruit	121¼
"	Ham	244¾	"	Fruit Juice	22½
"	Soup	2½	"	Milk	9¾
"	Fish	23¾	Jars	Jam	47½
	Cr/fd.	684¾		Total	936¾

Total Weight of Food Condemned. 8 cwts. 1 qr. 12 lbs. 12 ozs.

MILK AND OTHER FOODS.

The number of food premises in the Council's area totals 173 made up as follows:-

Table of Food premises.

Dairies	8
Meat Purveyors (Butchers)	12
Bakehouses	12
Fishmongers	3
Fish and Chip Friers	4
Restaurants and Cafés	7
Grocers	38
Greengrocers	10
Confectioners	15
Public Houses	25
Off Licensed Premises	8
Factory Canteens	4
Hospitals etc	6
School Canteens	15
Boarding Houses etc	6
Total	173

Registered Premises under Sec.16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Manufacture, Storage and Sale of Ice Cream	62
Preparation etc. and Sale of Sausages, or Preserved Foods	26
Dairies	8

49 Inspections were carried out at Registered Food Premises, including dairies;
In all cases of premises selling Ice Cream, refrigerators were inspected for cleanliness and temperature readings were taken.
In every case the refrigerators were found to be efficient and temperatures satisfactory.
Ice Cream is sold from 62 premises and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc) Regulations are strictly enforced.
The standard of personal cleanliness in all registered premises was found to be generally high.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 - 56.

Visits to food premises and inspections of delivery vans totalled 55.
Number of prosecutions.....Nil.

Sampling.
Food samples taken for testing during the year totalled 5.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Areas dealt with since May 1955.

Areas.	No. of Houses Demolished.	Families Housed.
Penny Park...	2	2
West Exe South Area No.1.	10	7
West Exe South Area No.2.	48	45
Belmont Road.	4	2
Candy's Court and Trickey's Court	7	5
Seward's Court	15	12
Wellbrook Street...	3	3
Cowley Moor Cottages	3	3
Castle Terrace and The Works...	9	7
Sharland's Square..	10	9
Richard's Buildings	11	7
1 to 4 Jarman's Square...	4	4
51 to 57 Chapel Street...	4	2
Totals	130	108

Areas confirmed by Minister and awaiting demolition and re-housing of families.

Areas.	No. of Houses.
Chapel Street Area No.1..	19
West Exe South Area No.3.	11
Total	30

During 1962, the Council passed a resolution declaring the following properties to be a "Clearance Area".

	No. of Houses.
Nos. 2 and 3 Hine's Square, Wellbrook Street... ...	2

During the following 5 years the Council propose to deal with 223 houses by way of Clearance.

Houses Demolished in 1962.	
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Richard's Buildings.) 2/3 Gillard's Buildings, Barrington Street.) Rose Cottage, William Street.)	12
Individual Houses Demolished.	
Payne's Cottage, Narrow Lane.	1
Houses made fit during year. Sec. 9 & 16 Housing Act.	
After informal action...	78

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

In the case of applications for Improvement Grants, houses are inspected and advice given on the reconstruction, alterations or improvements.

During the year, out of a total of 35 "Standard Grant" applications, 34 were finally approved, and improvement work was completed in the case of 29 premises and Completion Certificates issued.
Also during the year 1 "Discretionary Grant" application was finally approved, and improvement work was completed in the case of 2 properties and Completion Certificates issued.

Since the inception of the scheme for the improvement of houses by way of financial grants, 95 "Discretionary Grant" applications have been approved of which total 86 have been completed.

133 "Standard Grant" applications have been recommended and a total of 105 have been completed.

DRAINAGE

New House Construction.
Normal procedure is for consultation and inspection with the builder prior to construction of drainage in connection with new house construction or alterations and rebuilding.
The department advises on the siting and design of drainage disposal plants where no public sewers are available.
All new drainage is tested and the number of tests applied to new drains during the year amounted to 174
Inspections to work in progress amounted to ... ... 250 Visits.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses registered in the Borough of Tiverton.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

FACTORIES IN DETAIL.		INSPECTIONS.		
		Number of		
Premises.	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Secs. 1, 2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	84	5	1	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	64	64	Nil	Nil
Totals	159	69	1	Nil

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred - To H.M. Inspector	Referred - By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness.	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences.					
(a) insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	6	6	-	-	-
Totals	7	7	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Number of Out-Workers required by Sect. 110.

Class 1 ... 20
" 29 ... 42

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

One tank was tested during the year.

41 Licences were re-issued for the storage of 48,460 gallons of Petroleum Spirit, 50,730 gallons Petroleum Mixtures, and 230 gallons Cellulose & Thinners.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

22 applications were received for the registration of premises for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives, and Certificates of Registration were granted.

19 Inspections were carried out in connection with the above Acts.

COUNCIL'S REFUSE TIP - ASHLEY

7 treatments for the extermination of rats were carried out by Mr. Luxon, the Council's Rodent Operator.

Colonies of rats amounted to 3 reservoir and 4 major infestations.

RODENT CONTROL

Properties Inspected.

Local Authority	...	20
Dwelling Houses	...	149
Business Premises	...	94
Agricultural	...	113
Total		376

RODENT CONTROL (cont'd).

48 Poison treatments for extermination of rats were carried out.
The main system employed for rodent control is one of the prevention of the setting up of colonies by travelling rats.
"Fenn" traps are used at sixteen (16) large premises in the town and the number of rats caught is shown in the following table:-

Long Drag...	7
Recreation Ground.	14
J. Heathcoat's Factory..	17
Hamlins - Town Mills	3
Hamlins - St. Andrew Street...	118
Little Silver Depot	8
Tiverton Brewery..	61
East Devon Farmers Ltd..	39
G. Small & Son	23
Hay Park	180
Roller Mills	46
Bending & Son.	5
Blundell's Road Car Park	10
Total	531

Two maintenance treatments to the Council's sewers were carried out during the year, the area of infestation being restricted to the older sewers in the old part of the town.

Mr. Luxon, the Council's capable and much respected rodent operator retired in October owing to ill health. He has given the Town wonderful service, and his services will be greatly missed. I hope he will enjoy a long and happy retirement.

Mr. Tucker, who gained experience as a rodent operator with the Taunton Council, has joined the Council in Mr. Luxon's stead and I have every hope that he will speedily fill the gap caused by Mr. Luxon's retirement.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Water Samples taken:- Public Mains ...	47
Other Premises & Farms ...	15
Swimming Bath..	1
Chemical Samples	2
Slaughterhouse..	579
Dairies...	1
Food & Drugs Act	12
Food Sampling...	5
Milk Vending Machines.	1
Ice Cream and Preserved Foods	2
Food Shops re. Condemned Foods	35
Factories Act...	76
Inspections re. Complaints..	173
Re-Visits.	150
Drainage..	424
Disinfection and Disinfestation... ...	5
Infectious Diseases...	1
Caravans..	15
Slum Clearance Inspections & Revisits...	23
Improvement Grants	251
Pet Animals Act.	2
Rodent Control..	14
Petroleum and Explosives Licensing ...	19
Petroleum Tanks Tested	1
Rent Act..	-
Waste Foods Order	2
Means of Escape in Case of Fire... ...	2
Clean Air Act...	-
Miscellaneous...	8
Total	1866

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

"Underhill", Bolham Road, Tiverton.
The demand for residential caravan sites was such that it became necessary to provide additional accommodation, and the owner applied for and was granted a site licence for an additional fifteen caravans, making a total of 30 caravan standings on this site.
The site has been well conducted and filled a pressing need.

The holiday caravan site at The Orchard, Cove, has continued to cater for holiday use and though small is extremely well organised and run and is a model site.

An annual survey is made in the summer of all types of caravans in the Council's area.

Conclusion.
Miss Newton, clerk in the public health department, continues to serve the Council loyally and conscientiously and I much indebted to her in the successful running of the department.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES JEFFRIES

Public Health Inspector